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To: Chantal Line Carpentier
Subject: Comment

Dear Chantal Line:

I believe the CEC is right to have considered the undertaking of a work like the one developed by Larson and Chauvet. I think that this type of study should be extended to have feedback with producers, since the report has two approaches: a scientific one and another with input from the indigenous world, and both interact. Freedom to perform traditional practices is part of the indigenous cosmovision. Any change affecting the landrace varieties will affect their identity and ancestral practices, without losing sight of the economic variable that GMOs require the payment of royalties, which would endanger their families' finances.

Yours truly,
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